

ACTION ITEM

Approval of Contract Amendment with Glosten, Inc.

Summary: Staff is requesting the Council approve a contract amendment to provide additional funding of \$25,000 for a study supporting efforts to eliminate ballast water introductions of invasive species, and extend the length of the contract by six months. The study is being conducted at the request of the California State Lands Commission, which is reimbursing the Council for its costs. This amendment is required because of the need for a policy-relevant summary that is outside the existing scope of work of the contract.

Requested Action

Staff is requesting Council approval to amend an agreement to expand the scope of a study supporting efforts to eliminate ballast water introductions of invasive species, and extend the length of the contract by six months. This amendment would result in a total contract amount that exceeds the delegated authority granted to the executive officer.

Background

At the Jan. 23, 2014 Council meeting, the Council approved a request from the State Lands Commission to manage a ballast water treatment feasibility study on its behalf. The request asked the Council to manage the preparation and independent review of a feasibility study about the potential use of shore-based ballast water reception and treatment facilities to meet California's interim performance standards for the discharge of ballast water. The study was to culminate in a report in early 2018 detailing the potential of alternative treatment approaches to meet the needs of regulated vessels to comply with California's interim performance standards.

The draft study report chapters, released between 2015-2017, provide individual reviews of technologies and their respective analyses, including a broad range of characteristics among California port facilities and related analyses. The report suggests actions that could be taken to further improve the prevention of non-native species introductions via shipping vessels and confirms the feasibility of treatment approaches that are alternatives to on-board technologies for ballast water treatment, which are unable to meet California's interim standards.

Rationale for Amending the Contract

The Council awarded the contract to Glosten, Inc. on Aug. 25, 2014 for \$387,675.00 and amended it in 2016 for \$88,111 to accommodate additional reviews and public workshops to increase stakeholder engagement, transparency, and credibility. Overall the study has produced 13 individual chapters, which were reviewed in phases that built on the recommendation of each of three peer review workshops. At the October 2017 public workshop, the independent science and engineering review panel, in its assessment of the final draft report, recommended additional analysis, assessment, and synthesis of the technical studies. The State Lands Commission has requested that the contractor, Glosten, Inc, carry out the panel's recommendations. This amendment will allow the contractor to complete those tasks with an expanded scope of work that includes analysis and synthesis in a policy- and management-relevant summary chapter that illuminates the complex interactions of the 13 individual subject-chapters that could contribute tremendous value for the upcoming policy decisions the State Lands Commission will have to make.

Fiscal Information

The State Lands Commission has agreed to this addition and is funding the entire study through a receivable contract with the Council.

Original Contract	\$387,675.00
Amendment 2016	\$88,111.00
Amendment	\$25,000.00

Amended total	\$500,786.00

List of Attachments

No attachments.

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